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SUBJECT: ERITREA: CURRENT ETHIO-SUDANESE EXCHANGE

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RELIABLE MOFA SOURCE HAS INFORMED US TODAY (MAY 14) AS FOLLOWS:

1. SUDANESE GOVERNMENT REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT OF ETHIO-SUDANESE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO FIRST WEEK IN JUNE AND EPMG READILY AGREED. SOURCE LEFT IMPRESSION REASON FOR REQUEST WAS TECHNICAL (SCHEDULING?) AND NOT POLITICAL.

2. "SOME ERITREANS" (BUT NO RPT NO EPMG REPS) CANCELLED IN KHARTOUM FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH GOS IN FRAMEWORK NIMEIRI'S MEDIATION OFFER, SOURCE SAID. SUDANESE HAVE TOLD ETHIOPIANS THAT "INTERLOCUTOR PROBLEM" UNCHANGED. ETHIOPIANS HAVE TOLD SUDANESE THAT EPMG'S POSITION WITH RESPECT NIMEIRI'S THREE-POINT OFFER IS AS FOLLOWS:

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A) AMNESTY: ONE IS IN EFFECT; OTHERS COULD BE CONSIDERED.

B) CEASEFIRE: EPMG PREPARED TO DISCUSS CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CEASEFIRE COULD BE AGREED.
C) TALKS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS: DIRG DOES NOT VIEW ETHIOPIA'S UNITY REQUIREMENT AS A PREREQUISITE. IT IS A CONSTANT. THEREFORE, EPMG IS POSING NO PRECONDITIONS BUT OTHER SIDE IS ("INDEPENDENCE").

3. SOURCE, WHO PROFESSES HAVE GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PMAC FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN MENGHISTU, WAS GIVEN USG'S VIEWS ON DESIRABILITY FOR PUBLIC STATEMENT EPMG'S WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ERITREAN PROBLEM. HE WAS ALSO GIVE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR ICRC PRESENCE IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA. SOURCE PROFESSED TO SEE MERIT IN BOTH AND VOLUNTEERED TO REVIEW THEM WITH MENGHISTU AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY.

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